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SUBJECT: UK PLEASED WITH FIRST MONTH OF FRENCH PRESIDENCY;
UK WILLING TO TAKE TIME ON LISBON TREATY FIX

Classified By: Political Counselor Richard Mills for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary. France has "listened to" London during the first month of the French Presidency of the EU, especially on issues of current imp
French Off to a Good Start -----

[1](#)2. (C) HMG is pleased with the French Presidency thus far, Williams told Polcouns on August 1. The atmospherics and the substance of the Pres

[1](#)3. (C) Williams pointed to the French reaction to the Irish vote on the Lisbon Treaty as an example of where the French Presidency has respor
HMG Open to a Lisbon Treaty Fix -----

[1](#)4. (C) Eventually Dublin will report to fellow EU Members that it needs some "fixes and work arounds" in order to take the Treaty back to the

[1](#)5. (C) What London cannot accept is any resolution that creates a governance system for the EU under which Ireland opts out of the Treaty or

[1](#)6. (C) The Irish Government may find that there is no fix that can change Irish voters' minds and that the defeat of the Treaty was a popular
Progress on Iran; Not on Ukraine -----

[1](#)7. (C) Williams admitted that "it is heavy lifting" on Iran within the EU, but London and the French Presidency were working closely and ther

[1](#)8. (C) Asked about EU thinking on future Ukrainian membership, Williams said that although it was far in the future, it was frustrating that
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[1](#)9. (C) Williams' comments on the Lisbon Treaty and the need to "go slow" in addressing Irish concerns reflect the political sensitivity in the
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